

D. N. MORGAN.

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JUNE 14, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. OSBORNE, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

## REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10554.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10554) for the relief of D. N. Morgan, late Treasurer of the United States, having had the same under consideration, respectfully recommend its passage, and submit as a part of this report House Document No. 313, containing a full statement of all the facts and the official correspondence concerning the case.

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[House Document No. 313, Fifty-fifth Congress, second session.]

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
*Washington, D. C., February 17, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, and with favorable recommendation, a communication from D. N. Morgan, late Treasurer of the United States, with inclosures, asking that he be reimbursed the sum of \$856, paid by him into the Treasury February 8, 1898, to make good a shortage discovered during the count of standard silver dollars in the transfer of the office of Treasurer of the United States to his successor, such shortage being in nowise the result of negligence or fault on his part.

Respectfully, yours,

L. J. GAGE,  
*Secretary.*

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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BRIDGEPORT, CONN., *February 14, 1898.*

SIR: In the transfer of the office of the Treasurer of the United States to my successor, Hon. Ellis H. Roberts, the count of silver dollars showed a shortage in the contents of silver vault No. 1 amounting to \$856.

The report made to you by the committee in charge of the transfer states that during the first count of the contents of the vault by weight one Thomas Martin, an old and trusted laborer, who for many years was employed by the Treasurer's office to assist in handling the coin during several transfers of the office, was detected in purloining coin from the bags and substituting therefor pieces of lead or other substance.

This discovery made it necessary to count by tale the entire contents of said vaults, amounting to 103,653,000 standard silver dollars. By this process a deficiency

was discovered, as above stated. Upon receipt of notice of the deficiency I immediately forwarded the amount for restoration to the cash of the office to the Treasurer of the United States, whose receipt is herewith submitted.

As the loss of said silver dollars was in no wise the result of negligence or failure on my part to exercise proper care in the safe-keeping of the moneys in said vault, I would ask to be reimbursed for the sum of \$856 paid into the Treasury.

I also submit the affidavit of Gideon C. Bantz, assistant cashier of the Treasury, who, as a member of your committee, was in charge of the work of counting the silver dollars.

Respectfully, yours,

D. N. MORGAN.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE TREASURER,  
*Washington, D. C., February 8, 1898.*

Received of D. N. Morgan, late Treasurer of the United States, the sum of \$856 in currency, to make good the deficiency found in the moneys of this office June 30, 1897, as determined by the official examination completed February 5, 1898.

ELLIS H. ROBERTS,  
*Treasurer of the United States.*

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CITY OF WASHINGTON, *District of Columbia, ss:*

Personally appeared before me, Hiram W. Barrett, a notary public in and for the District aforesaid, the subscriber, Gideon C. Bantz, assistant cashier, Treasury of the United States, who, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says: That he was a member of a committee designated by the Secretary of the Treasury to conduct and supervise the count of the standard silver dollars in vault No. 1 of the office of the Treasurer of the United States, made necessary by the transfer of said office from D. N. Morgan to Ellis H. Roberts; that as a member of said committee he verified the count of every bag of silver dollars found short or over during the piece-by-piece count of the contents of said vault, and kept a record of each short or over so found, and that the net shortage amounted to \$856.

The affiant would further state that the loss of the said \$856 was in no wise the result of any negligence or fault on the part of D. N. Morgan, late Treasurer of the United States, or through failure on his part to exercise all diligence and care in the safe-keeping thereof.

GIDEON C. BANTZ,  
*Assistant Cashier, Treasury of the United States.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 14th day of February, A. D. 1898; and I certify that said Gideon C. Bantz is personally well known to me to be the identical person mentioned in the foregoing affidavit.

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HIRAM W. BARRETT, *Notary Public.*

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